

**LA RAPPRESENTAZIONE DELLA SOCIETÀ EBRAICA IN ITALIA
NELLA RECENTE STORIOGRAFIA SULL'ETÀ MODERNA**

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Abstract: An intense and international historical debate on the presence of the Jews in the Italian peninsula has developed during the last thirty years. A deeper and articulate analyse of the sources, marked by the discovery of the Jewish documents, rather ignored in Italy for a long time, has casted new light on the history of Italian Jewry in Medieval and Modern Age. The new scenario describes not only a besieged Jewish world, but a minority society that, when it was possible, tried to develop its own political tradition and organization.

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